**Commencement of National Stock Exchange**

6879. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Stock Exchange has commenced its operations;

(b) the purpose and main features of the scheme; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to open more such exchanges in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The purpose of the National Stock Exchange is to provide nationwide securities trading facilities in an efficient and transparent manner, ensuring safety of operations and investor protection. This Exchage is strongly technology-driven, with fully automated screen-based trading system and modern telecommunication facilities.

(c) The National Stock Exchange itself will be operating from different parts of the country.

**Simplified way to Income Tax**

6880. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

SHRI MAULANA OBAIDLLAH KHAN AZMI:

SHRI J. S. RAJU:

SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of policy to widen the income tax base by offering retail traders a simplified way of contribution to income Tax;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government contemplate to revise the policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The policy to widen the base of income-tax has been accorded a high priority and is reviewed periodically. Recently a Study Group has been set up in the NIPFP for examining the scope for expansion of the base of income-tax through the mechanism of presumptive tax or estimated income tax.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**थोक तथा उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक**

6881. **श्री अनन्तराम देवशंकर दवे :**
**श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल :**

क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वित्तीय वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान मासिक थोक मूल्य सूचकांक और उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक का ब्यौरा क्या है :

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान मासिक थोक मूल्य और उपभोक्ता मूल्य की तुलना में मुद्रास्फीति की वार्षिक दर कितनी थी ;

(ग) उक्त वर्ष के दौरान मुद्रास्फीति की औसत, अधिकतम और न्यूनतम दरों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) उक्त वर्ष के दौरान किन-किन वस्तुओं और उत्पादों की वार्षिक मुद्रास्फीति की दर औसत मुद्रास्फीति दर की तुलना में अधिक थी ; और